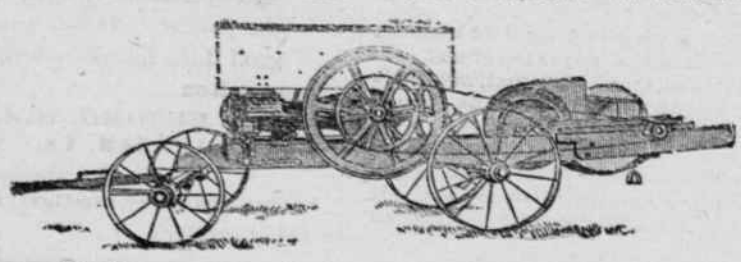




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Far exceeding the wildest hope of the local committee, the army of Confederate veterans which reached Richmond numbered fully 10,000 men, and with the forty or fifty thousand of others who accompanied them the seventeenth reunion of United Confederate Veterans exceeds all others in the history of the organization. Writers of facts and fiction delight to say and sing "of the thin grey line which is fading slowly away," but to those privileged to watch the many commands of old soldiers which invaded Richmond the grey line seems anything but thin, and the evidences of fading away are entirely lacking. It was a sight to stir the blood and warm the heart—those bands of veterans marching once more along the streets of the city which was long ago the capital of the Confederacy.

The old soldiers, gay as lads and full of fire and enthusiasm, marched with a swing, cheering and crying aloud the "rebel yell," greeting old friends and quickly making new ones, going over again the stirring times of war, recounting deeds of valor, and recalling memories of campfire and battlefield.

For three days streams of people poured out of the train sheds at the three principal depots of Richmond. From the far South crowds of people came in on special trains at all hours, several trainloads from the far West, from Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas and even Montana and California.

Missouri had a delegation of Veterans, Sons, Daughters and friends more than a thousand strong, and Kentucky and Tennessee each seemed to equal Missouri. The Memphis sponsors and ladies were voted the most beautiful contingent—next to Virginia, of course.

The Forrest Cavalry Corps was accompanied by a trio of Sponsors and half a dozen Maids of Honor which filled a touring car. The costumes and decorations were the most striking in the whole parade. Possibly the trio of sponsors were the most beautiful trio ever seen on Virginia soil. In fact, next to the stirring sight of old heroes, many legless and armless, the bower of beauty which accompanied them in carriages and on horseback received such applause as has not been heard from Southern throats since the days when Lee or Jackson would ride before the victorious ranks of Southern chivalry.

All this occurred on Thursday, the first day and the big parade day. The weather was beautiful. The heavy rains and cold weather of Friday and Saturday obliterated all out-door displays, but the hotels, banquet hall, auditoriums and public places were filled and each had an occasion of splendid interest. Owing to the inclement weather many returned to their homes in the far South but a large majority remained for the greatest day, Monday of this week, and many thousands more came in Sunday and Monday.

Five thousand old vets were accommodated in tents at Camp Gordon. They had abundance to eat and camp fires were going all the time, but the sleeping under canvas in the rain, we fear, will produce many casualties. Richmond has never been called upon to handle such a crowd. This was the greatest reunion ever held or that ever will be held in the South because of the "lost cause."

"No city has ever before been so brilliantly decorated for a Confederate Reunion." This was the expression of Commander Stephen D. Lee.

Noted Generals There.
No feature of the great parade Thursday attracted more attention than the presence of a number of distinguished generals of the Confederate States Army. General Stephen D. Lee and some others were in the saddle, but the majority were in private carriages furnished by patriotic residents of Richmond. So far as can be ascertained the following is a list of them:

Lieutenant-General Stephen D. Lee, of Mississippi.
Lieutenant-General Simon Bolivar Buckner, of Kentucky.
Major-General E. P. Alexander, of Tennessee.
Major-General Pinckney D. Bowles, of Florida.
Major-General George P. Harrison, of Alabama.
Major-General M. C. Butler, of South Carolina.
Major-General William L. Cabell, of Texas.
Major-General William McComb, of Virginia.
Major-General William R. Cox, of Virginia.
Major-General Marcus T. Wright, of District of Columbia.
Major-General Samuel G. French, of New Jersey.
Major-General L. L. Lomax, of Pennsylvania.
Brigadier-General R. D. Johnson, of Alabama.
Brigadier-General Richard M. Gano, of Texas.
Brigadier-General T. M. Logan, of Virginia.
Brigadier-General George W. Gordon, of Tennessee.
Brigadier-General Eppa Hunton, of Virginia.

Speeches at the Convention.
The first of the speakers at the Horse Show building, where were gathered ten thousand people, most of them those who had worn the grey, was the Governor of Virginia, who welcomed the reunion to Virginia. General Bollinger introduced the Governor. He said the chief executive of the State was too young to fight in the great war, but no man in the South is doing more to perpetuate the memory of the brave men who did the fighting, and no man is doing more to have taught to the children of the South the true history of the great conflict. As the son of a Confederate Veteran the Governor thrilled his audience with enthusiasm and at periods it was full three minutes before he could resume because of the cheering, men standing on their seats and throwing hats into the air.

Following him was the Grand Commander, Stephen D. Lee, a native of South Carolina but now a resident of

Mississippi and the ranking Lieutenant-General now surviving.

The vast hall was gay with Confederate colors, the battle flags of stars and bars, the colors of many Southern States and the pictures of Lee, Davis Jackson and Stuart adorning the walls. The band played "Dixie," that inspiring air which has power to stir North and South alike, and a wild "rebel yell" shook the rafters.

Equally eloquent and admirable as the Governor's were the words of General Lee. He brought a blush of pride to the cheek of every Virginian when he said: "The oftener we pay you a visit the more we like you. Every true Southerner either claims to come from Virginia or to have some relative there. It is a sort of American patent of nobility. When the Confederate soldier comes to Richmond, it is a homecoming. The greatest of England's Queens said that when her heart should be opened, upon it would be found written the word 'Calais'; in every Confederate heart, 'Richmond' is written forever. Here stand the Capitol and the White House of the Confederacy. Yonder is the statue of our great commander, a tribute from the genius of France to the glorious manhood of Virginia. Here is Stonewall Jackson in immortal bronze, a memorial by English gentlemen to the soldier of God and his country. Here, too, is A. P. Hill, who gave his native land a soldier's finished service and yet to whom, also, the glory of a patriot's death was denied."

It was, however, his closing words which sent a thrill through the audience and unlocked the rebel yell. General Lee had spoken of the prosperity of the South and of the great and noble men who had made her history. With voice raised loud and clear and with dramatic gesture, he exclaimed: "The blossom upon our human tree is once more bursting into bloom, and we old soldiers, living in the past as we must, are made glad by the reverence and respect shown to us. We are happy and rejoice that we have the affection and gratitude of the Southern people. We gather our sons and grandsons around us, and they listen with thrilling hearts to the glorious story of the Confederacy. They ride with Stuart and Hampton and Forrest, and they march with Jackson, Cheatham and Hood. They listen to the thunder of Pelham's guns. They bear in their arms the blood of Ashby. They listen for the hoofbeats of 'Traveler'; they hear the shout 'Lee to the rear!' and then the rebel yell rings in their ears and above the storm of battle until they almost catch the wild joy of the soul and even share in the rapture of the charge."

After the applause had subsided his comrade urged him to "go on," "go on," but his message had been given. Not the least interesting part of General Lee's remarks were his allusions to the kindly feeling which existed between the North and South, and it is remarkable that almost at the same hour, in the city of Indianapolis, President Roosevelt told the same story to the men in blue in these words:

"You have left a country so genuinely reunited that all of us now, in whatever part of this Union we live, have a right to feel the keenest pride, not only in the valor and self-devotion of you, the gallant men who wore the blue, but also in the valor and self-devotion of your gallant opponents who wore the grey."

At the Unveiling.
In the march to the unveiling of the statue of "Jeb" Stuart, a magnificent bronze equestrian one, the Stonewall Brigade, Stuart's cavalry, Mosby's men Pickett's remnants and Mahone's legion all came in for waves of applause. Thousands of others, individually and collectively, also shared the thunderous applause. Veterans from the Northern Neck, the "Outside Row," were few in comparison, but they received with the other devoted heads the echoes of the thronged streets of the parade.

It was commented on that one gallant army was missing, represented by only a few individual survivors—the remnants of gallant Beauregard's Palmetto legion. They, for the most part, have joined the hero of Bull Run and Fort Sumter and are now resting under the immortal palms.

The Commander-in-chief, General Stephen D. Lee, was in the van, supported by the Army of Northern Virginia, and the thunders of applause which were not to be stilled for two hours began in intense volume.

At the end of the line, on the plain beyond the statue, a most beautiful feature was presented. On an inclined platform, like a huge grandstand, sat six hundred children, in blocks of red, white and blue, so dressed and arranged that they made a living Confederate battle-flag.

After the parade and after the speech of Judge T. S. Garrett, of Norfolk, a member of Stuart's staff, the veil was unrolled by a grand-daughter of Lee's cavalry leader, amid the booming of hundreds of cannons and the acclamations of enthusiastic thousands. The cannon

made the uninitiated wince and stop their ears, but old soldiers said it caused their blood to tingle and they for the instant were awaiting to once more hear the commands of Lee, or Jackson, or Stuart ring forth.

After the ceremonies the concourse marched to Hollywood and there decorated in sweet sentiment and bathed with tears the graves covering the heroes that have shaken off earth's toils.

Speeches and Receptions.

On Friday, as stated, convention halls and other places reverberated with speeches, song and dance. Senator John W. Daniel moved to tears the old soldiers before him when recounting incidents of the great strife. But it was left to Col. "Bob" Lee, the grand-son of their immortal chieftain, to turn the convention was broken up by the old fellows who crowded around Col. Lee to grasp the hand of the young representative of the house of Lee. His oration was splendid. "The speech made today by Robert E. Lee was the greatest and most patriotic address ever delivered at a Confederate reunion," was the comment of Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the present Commander-in-Chief.

The singing of war songs by the five hundred children of the public schools of Richmond, all clad in spotless white forming a pyramid behind the grandstand, set the veterans on fire, as did also sight of the only daughter of Jefferson Davis, and her son and daughter.

Mrs. General Stonewall Jackson, Mrs. General J. E. B. Stuart, Mrs. General William Mahone and Miss Mary Custis Lee were at the headquarters of the Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy meeting and shaking hands with the veterans.

At night a most magnificent ball was tendered the sponsors and maids of honor. Beautiful girls of Richmond and from all parts of the South were present—from Louisiana, Alabama, Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Maryland—each chosen to represent her State because of her undisputed "beauty."

It was a battle of beauty, waged with all the daring and skill of charming women, and ending with all the honors of war when the fair army retired in the small hours of the morning after fearful execution and the slaughter of many hearts. The list of casualties will never be known; the names of the victims will never be recorded, but those who heard the cries of the wounded and observed their signals of distress will bear witness that no man escaped without injury, and that many will carry their honorable wounds to their graves—more happily to a future engagement. Veterans of many an engagement and more than one disaster took courage and bravely attempted the siege of an unknown force; but led on by the wiles of strategy which, like the poet, is "born, not made" in woman, fell an easy prey to the battery of smiles, supported by volleys of infantry fires from eyes trained to deadly execution. In the language of the gentleman who wrote Latin books for unwilling students—"They came, they saw, they conquered," and with a "mere glance of the eye," according to Beau Brummel. What a sight it was! The old warriors, not one of whom but had seen his sixtieth birthday, and some who confessed to seventy-five years of perennial youth; the women, daughters and granddaughters of the cavaliers, who never grow too old to forsake the delights of chivalry.

Probably the most noticed was the bevy of beautiful girls from Memphis, Tenn., who enacted the Southern Cross Drill. This drill was devised by Lieutenant Dugan, of South Carolina, while a prisoner at Johnson's Island with 3,000 of his comrades. The veterans, all in uniform, and the seventeen young ladies all in white, wearing the Confederate stars and bars as a corsage, were greeted with a great burst of applause, for the "Drill" has become a part of the program of every reunion, and is the entertainment which most delights the veterans from every section of the South.

Union Soldier Addresses Vets.
"I extend to you, one and all, the cordial greetings and best wishes possible from the surviving soldier in blue to his comrade in gray, and I long for the coming of the day when we will gather together in Washington, and on bended knee, under the shadow of the monument of that greatest of all Virginians, the immortal Washington, pledge ourselves and our children's children to the upholding and upholding of the greatest nation that ever existed on earth."—Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker, Federal Veteran, in address at Lee Camp.

Colonel Schoonmaker is of Pittsburgh, Pa., and is the Federal officer who was with a raid down the Valley of Virginia during the war, and when they reached Lexington, Colonel Schoonmaker received orders to burn the Virginia Military Institute. He refused to obey, saying that he had not enlisted in the army to make war on institutions of learning or to destroy property not contraband of war. For his action Colonel Schoonmaker was afterwards court-martialed, and has since come into

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considerable prominence as a champion of the cause of the South. It also developed that he had likewise refused to burn the towns of Lewisburg and Boydville in West Virginia, and caused his soldiers to salute the grave of Stonewall Jackson in Lexington. He is the guest of General Stephen D. Lee, at the Jefferson Hotel.

While this was going on an unusual honor was being bestowed upon Dr. James H. Reed at Battle Creek, Mich., who made the Federal Memorial Day address. The doctor, an ex-Confederate, has been made an honorary member of the very regiment he fought against the hardest. During the Civil War, Dr. Reed, with the Fourteenth Mississippi, participated in the battle of Thompson's Station, Tenn., which the Southerners called the battle of Spring Hill. In this engagement Reed's regiment captured the Nineteenth Michigan, which has now adopted him as an honorary member.

Another illustration of the goodly feeling pervading the country was the recent passage by Congress, at the request of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, an appropriation of \$200,000 for the care of graves of Confederates in Northern cemeteries.

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